

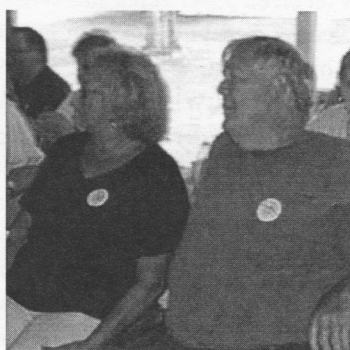


Recap of 2016 Reunion

Best Reunion Ever! As is typical, we had a few early risers (18) who left the picnic grove at 9 am to follow wherever our sage researcher wanders. He's getting more backwoods every year, it seems. So this year, we promptly followed to the old Delilah Younkin graveyard in Hexie, where Mark Miner provided a delightful history of three Younkin brothers buried there, Eli, Weasel Jake, and Frederick J, the Civil War veteran.



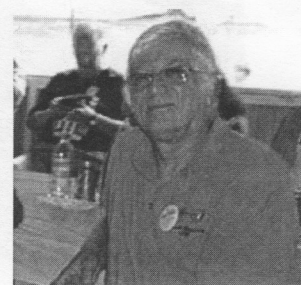
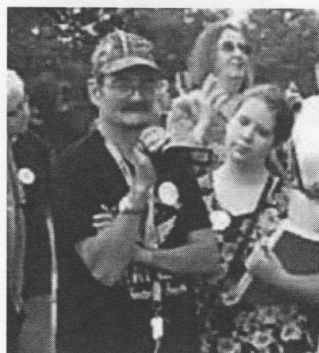
He told of Fred's sufferings during and after the war. He also gave some Firestone history, as they are "connected" to us, and also buried there. We stopped at Old Bethel, where MOST of the inhabitants are descended from Younkins, and most are related to the descendants of the Jacob-Jacob line. Next on the stop was the John Younkin homestead, later owned by Ephraim Miner, and where Mark first met his real obsession with family stories. Last on the stop was Bethel Methodist Cemetery, near Paddytown, where few on the tour had ever been. Ryan Sechler and family had the cemetery somewhat cleaner than usual, and Ryan brought out an old photo of the church that once stood in front of the cemetery.



Judy & Larry Hughes, Farmland, IN



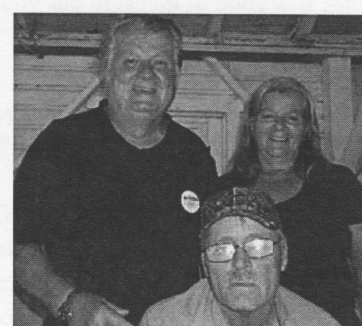
Back at the grove, we welcomed a number of new faces:



Left: Brad Hall & daughter Catherine.
Right: C. Arthur Younkin, Stoystown, PA.



Kathy & Melody Gary

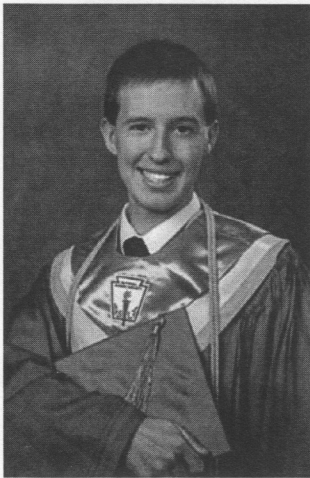


Above: James Rose, Mark Rose and sister Jill (Rose) Sines.



Left: Chris & Peter Peterson, and Patricia (Younkins) Hyland.

Johann Heinrich Junghen Scholarship



The winner in 2016 – Travis Olwin, of Prince George, VA, who will begin studies at Liberty University in the fall of 2016. He is the s/o Nick Olwin, s/o Vickie Sanner Hester, d/o Everett Sanner, s/o Zelda Younkin, d/o John F, s/o Wm Henry, s/o Frederick F, s/o Frederick G, s/o Johann Henrich Junghen. Well, at least that's ONE of his lines. He also descends from the Jacob line through his maternal Grandmother, Fay

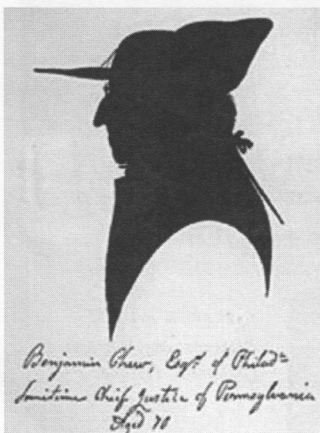
Younkin Sanner. Unfortunately, Travis was unable to attend the reunion to pick up his \$450. Scholarship check in person, as he was required to finish some testing for his pilot's license.



The scholarship money was generously subsidized this year by a generous contribution by Evelyn Younkin Silver, and by the donation of 50/50 money won by Blair Younkin, Jr. Thank you both! It is good to invest in our youth! Congratulations, Travis!

OLD LAND TRANSACTIONS

By Mark A Miner



"Chew and Wilcocks" are familiar names to many researchers of early southwestern Pennsylvania land ownership records, and for good reason. Together, Benjamin Chew Sr. and Alexander Wilcocks owned 43 tracts totaling nearly 12,000 acres in Somerset and Fayette Counties in the late 1700s.

In 1837, the Wilcocks' heirs sold one of their tracts to local farmer Jacob Miner Jr. and his eldest son John Miner.

As residents of Philadelphia, Chew and Wilcocks were absentee owners, and in fact may never have actually laid eyes on the lands they owned. Chew (1722-1810) was active and influential in state politics and, in addition to serving as Chief Justice of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, was the attorney for the Penn family. A silhouette portrait of Chew, at age 70, is seen here. Wilcocks (1741-1801) was Chew's son-in-law, law partner, judge and recorder of deeds in Philadelphia.

Chew and Wilcocks jointly obtained their lands from the Penns through patents during the American Revolution, when the Penns' ownership rights, granted by British royal charter, became null and void. Patents are legal instruments by which states grant public lands to individuals.

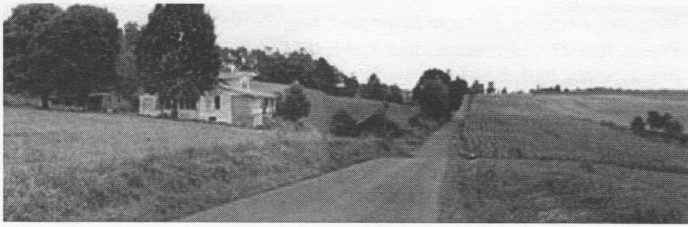


Colonial surveyors with rod and chain

The partners received a detailed description of each tract in a document compiled by Henry Rhodes dated March 21, 1777.

Chew and Wilcocks held their Somerset/Fayette tracts for about 14 years, until November 1790, when they divided their holdings. Chew received 5,947 acres and Wilcocks secured 6,011 acres. Wilcocks died 11 years later, in 1801, and his land was inherited by his children: Benjamin Chew Wilcocks, Elizabeth Wilcocks, Samuel Wilcocks, Ann Wilcocks (wife of attorney Joseph Reed Ingersoll) and Mary Wilcocks (wife of lawyer Charles Jared Ingersoll). These parcels remained in the possession of the Wilcocks heirs for several decades.

Many of the tracts had fancy names, such as Death of the Fawn, White's Little Mill Seat, and Hunting Lot, and were often rented to farmers for cultivation. Hunting Lot contained 318 acres and was located in what is now locally called Hexebarger in Upper Turkeyfoot Township, near the Old Bethel Church. Chew admired Hunting Lot and once wrote about its



The "excellent upland meadow" to the right of this road, known as Hunting Lot and sold by Chew and Wilcocks

"excellent upland-meadow." This is the tract that was sold to the Minerds.

Tax records suggest that Minerd may have rented Hunting Lot as early as 1829. The acquisition enlarged his farm to 500 acres, and it played an important role in the Minerd family's growth and development. Four generations lived there between 1837 and 1867, when it was sold out of the family. Minerd and his wife Catherine Younkin raised nine children there, and four sons -- John Minerd, Henry Minerd, Jacob Minerd III and Charles Minerd -- bought portions after their father's death. In 1851, at the heyday of the Minerds' habitation of the farm, about 35 family members lived in various dwellings within its borders.

How Minerd, an unlettered farmer, came into contact with the faraway Wilcocks heirs is not known, though probably was done through an intermediary. As absentee owners, Chew and Wilcocks utilized agents to handle day-to-day administration of the properties. One of Chew's agents was Abraham Morrison, a Somerset attorney called "the patriarch of the Somerset County bar." Morrison lived across the street from the courthouse and in his career served as the first county commissioners' clerk, county treasurer, prothonotary and clerk of courts, register of wills, and register of deeds.

Morrison kept in touch with Chew by writing letters containing details of developments and asking opinions of certain matters. Several of these letters survive in the collection of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, in Philadelphia. The author reviewed these letters in 1987 while in Philadelphia researching Minerd property records.

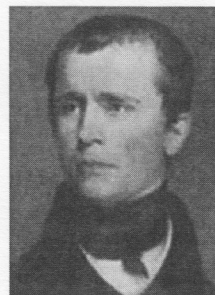
One letter was penned from Somerset on Feb. 13, 1808, and contains nuggets of information of interest to genealogists, historical researchers, and archeologists. In it, Morrison summarized leases with Jacob Streight, Peter Kendle, Mr. Shunk, Frederick Zufalt, Jacob Neffe, George Arnold, Joseph Mattick, John Lighty, and Daniel Miller. Morrison also mentioned the names Shapthat Dwire, William Tissue, Mr. Ringer, Mr. Wood, Mr. Biggs and Adam Faidley.

The letters describe specific terms and conditions of the leases, which required labor from the renters in return for low rates. For instance, Jacob Neffe rented a tract called "Turkey Bottom" for a three-year term, for the annual sum of one penny. In return, Neffe agreed to build a barn and stable

measuring 20 by 24 feet, plant 30 apple trees, make all the outside fences "good and sufficient," and pay all taxes.

Morrison may have been frustrated in trying to stay fully abreast of the status of all the properties. He once wrote to Chew: "As I have not had full power to sell your land. I have not informed myself of the value of the respective tracts, nor indeed is it easy to get such information without a personal examination of them."

The 1830s, during when the Minerds made their purchasing decision, were an era of change and uncertainty. As President Andrew Jackson toppled the national banking empire, the economy became increasingly "speculative and unsound," wrote historian Arthur Schlesinger wrote. "Crop failures in 1835 toppled the first domino. Farmers could not pay merchants and speculators, who in turn could not pay banks."



C.J. Ingersoll

By 1837, according to Digby Baltzell's book, *Philadelphia Gentlemen*, a financial panic ensued when Americans embarked on "an era of 'wild cat'" spending. One of the sellers of the Minerd farm, Charles Jared Ingersoll (seen here), was a prominent former U.S. congressman and district attorney in Philadelphia. He was running for office during an economic depression, and needed cash, and may have sold the

land to help raise badly needed funds. What were the Wilcocks heirs like as people? Charles Jared Ingersoll's son in law, Sidney George Fisher Sr., wrote an extensive and insightful diary that was published by the Historical Society of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia in 1967, under the title, *A Philadelphia Perspective*. His narrative included the following:

Of Charles Jared Ingersoll (1782-1862) -- U.S.

Congressman: His "conversational powers, & his gentlemanlike manners make him exceedingly agreeable.... He was in many respects a remarkable person and during a long life held a conspicuous position as a public man, having been twice in Congress and for many years district attorney in this city when the place was far more respectable than it has since become.... His intellect was not of a high order, but he wrote & spoke with ease, animation, and earnestness & was witty at times, generally sarcastic, clever, pointed, odd, never eloquent or profound."

Of Benjamin Chew Wilcocks (1776-1845) -- U.S. Consul

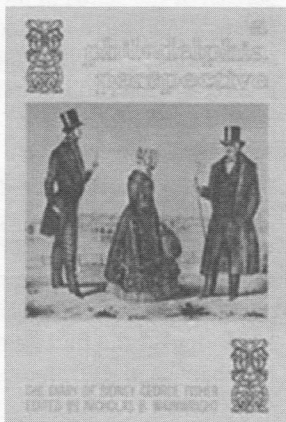
at Canton, China: "For some weeks before I left town he had sunk into a state of profound depression, similar to that with which he was once before affected, which lasted for 12 years during which he never left his house and from

which he was roused some 3 or 4 years ago. When he was roused, he compensated by extraordinary activity for his long seclusion and apathy."

Of Joseph Reed

Ingersoll (1786-1868) -- U.S. Congressman; U.S. Minister to Great Britain (1852-1853):

"His mind was decidedly commonplace, his range of knowledge narrow. he possessed however that sort of ability which produces success, fluency of speech, agreeable manners, great power of labor, & determined will. He had a large practice at the bar, but he was a jury-lawyer; he had a respectable position in Congress, because he worked well on Committees & was known to be upright & honorable, but he was not distinguished & never made a speech that excited public attention."



A Philadelphia Perspective by Sidney George Fisher

These documents show that Chew and Wilcocks played important roles in developing the largely uncultivated lands of Somerset and Fayette Counties. With the help of on-the-scene agents, these influential Philadelphians touched the lives of any common farming families.

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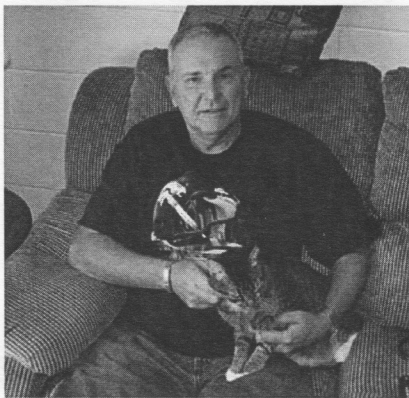
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GOODBYES

Tammy L. Fundis, 50, of Rockwood, passed on May 8, 2016. Born Sept. 6, 1965 in Somerset, she is a daughter of the late John and Jean (King) Phillippi. Tammy is survived by her husband of 31 years, Wayne Fundis; son Zachary Fundis and wife Jessica of Rockwood; grandson Eli Fundis; sister Lori Richter of Fort Hill; and several nieces and nephews. Tammy enjoyed biking, fishing, riding motorcycles, and going to the beach. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Messiah Lutheran Church, Pastor Lee Gable officiating. Memorial contributions may be sent to Messiah Lutheran Church at PO Box 126, Rockwood, PA 15557. Arrangements by Miller Funeral Home and Crematory, Somerset. *Tammy>>> John Phillippi >>> >>> Etta Trimpey >>> Nancy Younkin >>> Frederick F Younkin >>> Frederick G.*

Hazel L. Clauter, age 97 of Geneva died June 11, 2015. She was born to Herman and Myrtle (nee) Taylor Lindquist on the family farm in Mayfield Township, Kingston, IL in DeKalb County. Hazel's parents died within 6 months of each other between her 3rd and 4th birthdays. She was lovingly raised by her grandparents Fred and Sarah Catherine (nee) Yonkin Taylor of Genoa. Hazel was Valedictorian of the Genoa High School class of 1935. She graduated from the University of Chicago with a B.A. in Business Administration in 1939 and started her first career as a municipal bonds analyst for Barcus, Kindred & Co. on LaSalle St. in Chicago. Hazel and Art were married Aug. 2, 1941 in Chicago at the Thorndyke Chapel on the University campus. Her second career was raising their 3 children, first in Chicago and then ultimately in Geneva. Hazel returned to school to obtain her teaching certificate from Northern Illinois University and taught 3rd grade at Lincoln School in St. Charles for 19 years. She fondly called this her third career. Hazel and Art traveled extensively upon retirement in 1982. A favorite trip included travel to Karlsham, Sweden, where she met her first cousins and other Swedish relatives of her father's. Many wonderful summers were spent in Pitkin, Colorado, "on top" at their chalet at 11,000 feet. Hazel was an active member of the P.E.O. sisterhood since 1953, Chapter FE, Geneva. Her passion was teaching young minds and helped establish the country school house at LeRoy Oaks Forest Preserve called Sholes School and served on the board of directors for many years. Hazel authored the book "Our Community St. Charles" which is still used in the curriculum. She was also involved in Preservation Partners, Geneva History Center, the United Methodist Church of Geneva and the lives of her children and grandchildren along with their 4 collie dogs and numerous cats the kids brought home. She had a way with flowers and plants which adorned

the entrance to their home of 63 years in Geneva. A violet collection many admired will be a legacy. She is survived by her sons, Dean Clauter of Melbourne, FL, Bruce (LaRue) Clauter of Bexley, OH; daughter, Lucinda (Rodger) Clauter-Lull of Pitkin, CO; six grandchildren, Jody Clauter, of Laramie, WY, Andrea (Amber) Clauter of Columbus, OH, Sarah (Roby) Lull-Castillo of Tallahassee, FL, Arthur Clauter and Peter Clauter of Melbourne, FL, Jacob Lull of Pitkin, CO; four step-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; two great-great nephews and a great-great niece. She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 73 years, Arthur; her brother, Lester Lindquist and his wife Annie; two nieces and a nephew. A Memorial visitation at the United Methodist Church of Geneva, 211 Hamilton St., Geneva. Burial will be at Oak Hill Cemetery, Geneva, IL. Published in *Kane County Chronicle* on June 17, 2015 *Hazel >>> Myrtle Taylor >>> Sarah Catherine Yonkin >>> William Yonkin >>> Henry Yonkin of Lycoming County, PA*



Gerald M. Kimmel, 67, of DeLand, FL passed away on Saturday, June 25, 2016. Born in Ravenna, OH, Gerald moved to the DeLand area in 1985 from Junction City, Kansas. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and after returning from service he worked as a police officer, fire fighter and later retired as a semi-

truck driver. Memberships include American Legion Post 6 and the Faith Lutheran Church in DeLand. He is survived by one son, Anthony Kimmel. Memorial services will be held at Faith Lutheran Church with burial to take place in Cape Canaveral National Cemetery on July 11, 2016. *Gerald >>> Agnes Yonkin >>> John Frederick Yonkin >>> William Henry Yonkin >>> Frederick F. Yonkin >>> Frederick G. Yonkin.*



David A. Shaffer, Jr., 78, of Uniontown, PA died May 16, 2016 in the Uniontown Hospital. He was born on Jan. 3, 1938 in Uniontown, a son of David A. Shaffer, Sr., and Margaret McCabe Shaffer. David retired from Homestead Steel Mills. He was a U.S. Navy veteran. He liked to fish and hunt and the outdoors and spending time with family. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Bonnie

Shaffer Wilson, a brother, Jack P. Shaffer, and his loving companion, Jean Petro. He is survived by a sister Patty Osborne and her husband Warren, a brother Ronald Shaffer, Sr., sister-in-law Tracy Shaffer, an uncle Homer and wife Maxine, nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, and friend Bugs Yauger. There will be a memorial service at the Central Christian Church, Uniontown. Special thanks to Patty Wheeler and Jessica Shaffer who helped care for him. A very special thank you to sister Patty for all her time, care and love for her brother, and thank you so much to Daniel. P.S. This Bud's for you, brother! *Family of Syvilla (Yonkin) Rush.*

Lillie R. Shaulis 65, of Markleton, PA died July 3, 2015, at In Touch Hospice House, after a long battle of cancer. Born Oct. 16, 1949, in Markleton, she is the daughter of the late Norman and Olive (Faidley) Gary. Also preceded in death by her husband, Paul Richard Shaulis and son John Wesley Shaulis. Survived by a brother, Sherman Gary and wife Linda of Markleton; nieces: Julie Kreger and friend Mark Smith of Meyersdale and Lori Frazee and husband Brian of Markleton and their families. Also survived by her devoted best friend, Barb Pletcher and her dog Dr. Pepper. Lillie was a member of the Kingwood Church of God, a graduate of Rockwood High School and was employed at Somerset Hospital in the Housekeeping department. Friends received from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday in the Robert H. Halverson Funeral Home where services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday with the Rev. James Montique officiating. Interment in Old Bethel Cemetery. Contributions may be made to Kingwood Church of God, 119 Humbert Road, Markleton, PA 15551 or In Touch Hospice House, P.O. Box 1173, Somerset, PA 15501. Condolences may be made at www.halversonfuneralhome.com. *Lillie >>> Norman Clark Gary >>> Minnie Edna Miner >>> Ephraim Miner >>> Polly (Yonkin).*

John William Giles, 58, of Dunbar, died Aug. 12, 2016 at UPMC Presbyterian Hospital, Pittsburgh. He was born March 15, 1958 in Connellsville, a son of the late Samuel Earl and Annie Christina (Watson) Giles. John was Protestant by faith and was a veteran of the U.S. Army having served during the Vietnam War. John was employed for many years as a security guard with Fayette County and Sony. He is survived by his wife, Karen (Hall) Giles; daughter, Tiffany Thomas and husband Adam of Dunbar; grandchildren, Larissa, and Kendyl Haney, Cooper Thomas, Cody, Morgan and Victoria Ainsworth of MS; brothers, Amos Giles and wife Christine of Dunbar and Samuel Giles and wife Beverly of Connellsville; sisters, Agnes Giles, Annie Buzelli both of Dunbar, Jackie Perryman and husband Harry of Dunbar, Paula Brothers and husband Rich of Vanderbilt, Hazel Giles of Dunbar and Heather Anderson and husband Ralph of Connellsville; and also many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Suzanna Ainsworth; sister, Sadie Bloom and brothers, Jack and Paul Giles Family and friends were received in the Fink Funeral Home, Connellsville with Pastor Lee Maley officiating. Interment at Normalville Cemetery. Full military rites be accorded by the V.F.W. Post 21 and American Legion Posts 301 & 762. *John >>> Samuel Earl Giles >>> Albert Franklin Giles >>> Hannah Turner >>> Jennie Miner >>> John Miner >>> Catherine Yonkin.*

Barbara Ann Enos Zwierzelewski, 66, of Scottdale, PA died Aug. 12, 2016 at her home. She was born in Mt. Pleasant, Nov. 16, 1949 a Daughter of the late Frank J. and Mary Louise Brier Enos, who passed away March 22, 2004 and Aug. 6, 1998, respectively. Barbara was a member of the Partner Parish of St. John the Baptist R.C. Church, Scottdale. She was a former machine operator for Lenox Crystal, Mt. Pleasant with 15 years of service. Barbara was a loving Mother, Grandmother, Sister and a friend to all who knew her. Barbara is gone from our lives, but will forever remain in the hearts of those who knew and loved her: her loving and caring daughter, Kelly Ann Zwierzelewski of Uniontown; her adoring grandchildren, whom she loved very dearly, Lauren Nicole Metz and Michael Libertino; her two brothers, Anthony Enos and wife Beverly of Mt. Joy, James Enos and wife Carol of Bear Rocks; and her pet bird Joey. In addition to her

parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Stanley A. "Vutch" Zwierzelewski (March 9, 1996). Barbara's family will greet friends in the Kapr Funral Home, Scottdale. A Funeral Liturgy will be held in the Funeral Home, with her Pastor, Rev. Andrew M. Kaweck, of the Partner Parish of St. John the Baptist R.C. Church, Scottdale, as Facilitator. Committal Services and Interment will follow in St. Joseph Parish Cemetery, Everson. *Barbara >>> Frank J. Enos >>> James M. Enos >>> Joanna (Minerd) Enos >>> John Minerd >>> Catherine (Younkin) Minerd*



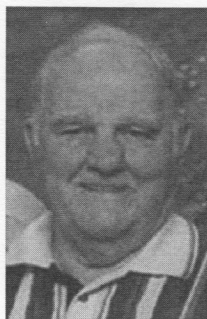
Emerson R. "Pete" Miner, age 71, of East Canton, OH passed away Aug. 20, 2016 in his home. He was born April 23, 1945 in Fayette County, PA to the late Ephraim and Flossie Miner. He is survived by his wife, Julie Miner; a daughter, Emily Miner; four sons, Larry, Kurt (Crystal), Ricky and Daniel Miner; two sisters, Cathy Ludwig and Annie May; one brother, Paul (Diane) Miner; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Besides his parents he was preceded in death by a daughter, Amber Hall; two sons, Emerson A. and Ronnie Miner; a sister, Betty Wood; and two brothers, Leroy and Clinton Miner. Funeral services will be at the Louisville Church of Christ with Elder Russ Glover officiating. Burial in Mapleton Cemetery. Published in *The Canton Repository* on Aug. 23, 2016. *Family of Ephraim and Rosetta Miner.*

Krystyna Nadurska Podraza died Aug. 9, 2016. Born Feb. 2, 1941 in Kamien Kosciarski (now in the Ukraine). She was the daughter of Stanislaw and Maria (Kopec) Nadurski. She later attended the Wyzsza Szkola Pedagogiczna in Krakow where she earned a degree in Polish Philology. She so distinguished herself as a student that upon graduation the school employed her as a graduate assistant. In 1973 she met her future husband Eugene who was doing graduate work in Polish history at Jagiellonian University. They married in May 1974, came to America, and settled in Lawrenceville. Krystyna worked for 28 years at Firestone Library at Princeton University as a bibliographic specialist, cataloging Polish and Russian books. For 27 years she also taught beginning and advanced Polish at Mercer County Community College. She and her husband loved traveling. They traveled extensively throughout Europe, Central America, and the Caribbean. Krystyna's favorite island was the Dominican Republic where she went nine times. Left to mourn her are her husband Eugene, sister Romana Babiarz, niece Marta and her husband Eugeniusz Szczebak and their daughter Malgorzata of Olesno, Poland. Also left to mourn her are her cousins Leszek and Barbara Czopinski good friends Todd Weekly, Joanna Clark, Robert Pluta, Robin Reed, Grazyna Szczepanik. The viewing will be private for immediate family at the Winowicz Funeral Home. Her remains will be buried in Olesno, Poland. Published in *The Trentonian* on Aug. 15, 2016. *Note from Mark Miner: Krystyna's widower, Eugene, is a Younkin. He has been my research partner for 26 years including annual research trips to Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and more. We attended the 1st modern Younkin Reunion in 1991.*

Paul Edward Younkin, 73, of Markleton, PA died Sept. 17, 2016 at Somerset Hospital. Born Jan. 1, 1943 in Markleton, he is the son of James Arthur and Mahala Elizabeth (King) Younkin. Preceded in death by his parents, brothers Melvin "Bud", Charles and Robert

Younkin and sisters Sara May, Ruth Tressler, and Martha Knopsnyder. Survived by his wife the former Ada Louise Ewt to whom he was married 47 years, son Michael Younkin married to the former Kelly Grant and granddaughter Sada Rose Younkin all of Somerset; also survived by his sisters, Mary Jane Pugh of Somerset and Shirley Merryman of Confluence. Paul is a graduate of Rockwood High School, he worked until his retirement as a carpenter for the Carpenters Union, he was a member of Old Bethel Church, and was an avid hunter and fisherman. Funeral services held at the Hauger-Zeigler Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Somerset with Rev. Dr. Douglas Baker officiating. Interment Old Bethel Cemetery.



Lloyd (Lefty) Richter Jr., 90, of Connellsville, died Oct. 10, 2016 at the South Connellsville Personal Care Home. He was born Feb. 3, 1926 in Normalville, a son of the late Lloyd Richter Sr. and Alverta Murray. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Army and he had 40 years of service with the B&O Railroad. He was predeceased by his wife AnnaBelle Richter. He is survived by his children, the Rev. Roger Richter of South Connellsville, Dagnall Richter of South Carolina, Wanda Bowlen of Fairchance, and

Regina Gratson Scott of South Connellsville; brothers, Bill, Rich and Clarence; sister Freda; eight grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents and his wife, he was predeceased by brothers Albert, Calvin, Elwood, Harry and Jim; and sisters, Viola Mae, Ruth and Helen. Friends received at the Kucera Funeral Home, Connellsville, with services officiated by the Rev. Roger Richter, his son, officiating. Interment will be in Mt. Tabor Cemetery, Normalville. *Lloyd >>> Alverda Romesburg >>> Hannah Lucy Murray >>> Hannah Minerd >>> John Minerd >>> Catherine Younkin.*

Harry J. Taylor, 95, of Jollytown Community, New Freeport, PA died Oct. 30, 2016, in Madison Center, Morgantown, WV. Born July 31, 1921, in Jollytown, he was a son of the late Harry Jackson Taylor and Ida Jones Taylor. Mr. Taylor was a retired laborer in steel mills. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and a member of Jollytown United Methodist Church. Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Lynn Taylor of New Freeport and James Taylor and wife Susan of Holbrook; a daughter and a son-in-law, Karen Perry and husband James of Parma, Ohio; a sister, Leona Tennant of Holbrook; four grandchildren, Robert Taylor, Amy Tuttle, Tara Taylor and Anna Perry; six great-grandchildren, Grayson Taylor, Meredith Taylor, Sydney Hoyle, Addie Tuttle, Ava Tuttle and Casey Burford; and numerous nieces and nephews. Deceased, in addition to his parents, are a son, Harry Glenn Taylor; a brother, Charles Taylor; six sisters, Marjorie Kelley, Fern Thomas, Imogene Phillips, Gail Hennen, Louise Carter and Grace Wise; and a daughter-in-law, Jackie Taylor. Friends received in Owen-Neely Funeral Home, Blacksville, WV, with Evangelist Mike Phillips officiating. Interment will follow in Eakin Cemetery, Jollytown. Published in the *Washington (PA) Observer-Reporter* on Nov. 1, 2016. *Harry Taylor >>> Harry Jackson Taylor >>> Ida (Farabee) Taylor >>> Nancy (Minor) Farabee >>> Polly (Younkin) Minerd >>> Yankee John Younkin.*



Gary Franklin Ritenour, 66, a lifelong resident of Connellsville, PA died Nov. 1, 2016 on the John Heinz Campus of the V.A. Pittsburgh Care System. He was born Nov. 7, 1949 in Connellsville a son of Gladys Elva Rose Ritenour of Dunbar and the late James Ritenour. Gary was a graduate of Connellsville High School with the class of 1968. He was a Veteran of the Vietnam War having served as a

LCpl in the U.S. Marines. He was a recipient of the Purple Heart for being wounded in action and a member of the Disabled American Veterans. Gary was a member of the Connellsville CMA Church. He was an avid sports fan and loved watching the Pittsburgh Steelers and Pirates. Gary will be sadly missed but fondly remembered by his loving wife of 45 years Ruth Jane Wiltrout Ritenour, his children Jane Omatick and husband Dan of Connellsville, Gary Ritenour and wife Rebecca of Monarch, and Tiffany Clark and husband John of Connellsville, his grandchildren Greg, Brittany, and Ashley Ritenour, and Danielle Shroyer and husband Dominick, his great grandchildren Sophia Cayton and Marshall Shroyer, his brothers Robert Ritenour and wife Lynne of Dunbar, James Ritenour and wife Michele of Connellsville, and Wayne Ritenour of Dunbar, and his sisters Gloria Richter and husband Tony of Connellsville, Sylvia Burkett and husband Denny of St. Marys, PA., and Karen Wilson and husband Albert of Dunbar. In addition to his father Gary was predeceased by his sister Geraldine Ritenour. Family and friends will be received in the Brooks Funeral Home Inc., Connellsville. A committal service and interment will follow in the Normalville Cemetery. Military rites will be conducted at the cemetery by the Indian Creek Valley VFW #12019. Gary >>> Gladys Elva (Rose) Ritenour >>> Percy Rose >>> Charles H. Rose >>> Susanna (Miner) Rose >>> John Miner >>> Catherine Younkin.

Vyrl E. Henry, 84, of Markleton, PA died Nov. 10, 2016, in Somerset Hospital. He was born Oct. 9, 1932, in Markleton, a son of the late Ralph and Irene (Leaphart) Henry. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Betty (Show); sons: Craig and wife Lana, Carlisle, Blake and wife Sally, Somerset, and Rex and wife Anita, Greencastle; daughter Amy Lasure and husband Larry, Markleton; grandchildren: Josh Henry, Ashleigh Henry, Emily Henry, Grant Henry, Amber Lasure, Erin Wilson and Justin Lasure; great-grandchildren, Riley and Kylie Henry; sister Lorraine Henry, Finley, OH; and brothers, Ralph Jr. and wife Loretta, Markleton, and Blair, Meyersdale. Also, numerous nieces and nephews. Vyrl is a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War and a member of Ursina American Legion Post 946 for 62 years. He also served as post commander and for 16 years as Adjutant. He retired in 1991 from the Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry after 28 years of service. Funeral services held at the Humbert Funeral Home in Confluence where with the Rev. Duane Riddle officiating. Interment in Kingwood IOOF Cemetery. Vyrl >>> Ralph M. Henry >>> Alice Mary Liston >>> Salome Younkin >>> Frederick F. Younkin >>> Frederick G. Younkin.

Norman A. Younkin, Sr., 71, Somerset, died Nov. 10, 2016, at home. Born Nov. 22, 1944, in Somerset, son of Matthew J. and Erma (Sanner) Younkin. Preceded in death by parents, wife the former Suzanne Tall; brother Gerald Younkin; mother-in-law Evelyn Tall; and sisters-in-law, Karen Tall and Iris Younkin. Survived by children: Heather married to David McGraw, West Monroe, LA, Holly married

to William Dunsten, Windber, and Norman Younkin Jr. and wife the former Aimee Reiking, Somerset; grandchildren: Lindsey and Austin McGraw, Daniel Dunsten, and Isaac and Addison Younkin; and brother Larry Younkin and wife Mary Kay, Florence, AZ. He is a graduate of Rockwood High School and a Vietnam War Navy veteran. He was a former coal miner and a retired security guard from Hiram G. Andrews Center. Member of Rayman Church of the Brethren, Friedens. Funeral held at Deaner Funeral Home, Stoystown, with Rev. Kurtis Frampton officiating. Interment Mizpah Cemetery.

Frances "Ruth" (Younkin) Garrison, McKeesport, PA, died Nov. 15, 2016 at home. Born Jan. 23, 1926, she was the daughter of Beacher and Vallie (Knox) Younkin and the wife of the late James A. Garrison. Frances was a practicing Jehovah Witness and a homemaker. Frances was most famous for her spaghetti sauce and chicken noodle soup. She is survived by son, William J. (Joanne) Garrison of Harrison City; daughter, Dorothy Nehila of Glassport; ten grandchildren; sixteen great grandchildren; uncle, Merle Knox of Berlin, PA; nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by son, David Duane Garrison and stepsons, William and John Garrison. Funeral services at Willig Funeral Home & Crematory with Pastor Jody Dausey officiating.



Frank R. Woodruff, 89, of Washington, PA, died Nov. 24, 2016, from heart disease and complications of diabetes. He was born Feb. 14, 1927, in Donegal Township, Washington County, a son of the late Dorsey and Wilma Woodruff. He belonged to Faith United Presbyterian Church of Washington and was a former member of Chartiers Hill United Presbyterian Church, Canonsburg, where he was an elder and trustee. He was a prominent figure in the agricultural business. He was engaged in farming on Woodruff Farms, Route 19, North Strabane Township, for 62 years with his father, Dorsey Woodruff, until Dorsey's death, then with his son, Gary Woodruff, until the farm was sold in 1997. The farm was a dairy farm originally, then a beef operation plus a vendor business as dealers in hay and straw, servicing various farms in Ohio, Maryland and Pennsylvania and Meadows Racetrack. Mr. Woodruff received many certificates and plaques relating to the many organizations he was active in for promoting the advancement of agriculture. He was a member of Pennsylvania Farmer Bureau, Farmer and Legislative committee, Washington County Farm Bureau, Washington County Agricultural Fair Board, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee, seventh-degree member of Pennsylvania State Grange, Pomona Grange, 75-year member of North Strabane Grange and North Strabane and Eighty Four Area Chambers of Commerce. He was a cubmaster, 4-H leader, friend of 4-H and church youth group leader. He provided farm tours for church, the community and various groups. He served as a member or officer in all of these organizations. In 2012, he was recognized as Outstanding Fair Ambassador by Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. Surviving are his wife, Beula H., with whom he celebrated 66 years of marriage June 10, 2016; a son, Gary D. Woodruff (Deb) of Washington; two daughters, Janet W. Ross (John) and Donna W. Klink (Ken), both of Huber Heights, Ohio; and grandchildren Stephanie Woodruff, Melissa Ross, Elizabeth Ross, Rachel Ross, Ellen Klink and Brian Klink. Deceased are three sisters, Willadeen, Ada May and Eilleen. Frank R. Woodruff >>> Dorsey Woodruff >>> Caroline Virginia Jenny Dorsey >>> Mary (Younken) Dorsey >>> Charles L. Younken >>> George Younken



Dorothy Ellen Jefferis Younkens died on Nov. 24, 2016. Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband, James; and her son, Mark. She was born and raised in Reading, PA, where she grew up with her brothers, Bob and Paul Jefferis, now deceased. She enjoyed frequent railroad trips to Philadelphia. (Her father worked for the Pennsylvania Railroad.) Dorothy graduated from Kutztown State Teacher's College. She

met Jim; they married and moved to Pittsburgh to raise a family of five children. From 1963 to 1965 the family traveled to Kolkata, India. In 1966, they moved to Squirrel Hill where they remained for the rest of her days. Dorothy loved her backyard, where she entertained friends and family, and friends that became family and where lots of dogs, cats, and squirrels romped. Dorothy served on the Colfax School PTA for years. She was a substitute teacher in the Pittsburgh city schools, most frequently Schenley and CAPA, where she liked to say that she taught the art of conversation and was known as the "singing substitute." Dorothy outlived most of her dearest friends. She attended the symphony, the International Poetry Forum, and studied children's literature. She encouraged everybody to get outdoors or read a book. She was Judge of Elections for her 14th Ward district for over 30 years. She is survived by her children, Eric (Hope), Kirk, Andrea, and Jeff, numerous grandchildren and three great-grandchildren (one having been born just last week). Published in *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* from Nov. 26 to Nov. 27, 2016

Calvin R. "Junior" Younkin, 90, of Normalville, PA died Dec. 4, 2016 at home. He was born April 23, 1926 in Indian Head, a son of the late Russell and Hazel (Pritts) Younkin. Calvin worked as a carpenter and was a member of Pittsburgh Carpenters Union Local 2274. He was a proud Veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during WW II in the European Campaign and reached the rank of sergeant. He was a member of the Millertown Community Church. Calvin was a loving husband, father, and grandfather to his family. He is survived by his wife, Beryl (Sparks) Younkin of 67 years, whom he married on Jan. 31, 1949 and his children, Geary (Mary) Younkin of Colorado Springs, Colorado, Brenda (Bruce) Gearhart of Mount Pleasant, Sharon (Don) Young of Guysville, OH., Randy (Robbie) Younkin of Rockwood, and Amy (Tom) Baglio of Somerset. He is also survived by 14 grandchildren, 25 great grandchildren, and 5 great great grandchildren. Calvin also leaves behind his brother Hilbert D. Younkin of Connellsville, and his sister Vera Meyers of Louisville, KY., and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents Calvin was predeceased by a son-in-law Clifford Hiltabidel, and a great granddaughter, Janelle Gearhart. Funeral services at Clyde Brooks Funeral Home Inc., Melcroft, with Pastor Bob Degg officiating. A committal service and interment will follow in the Mt. Nebo Cemetery, Champion. *Calvin R. Junior Younkin >>> Russell Oscar Younkin >>> John Frederick Younkin >>> William Henry Younkin >>> Frederick F. Younkin >>> Frederick G. Younkin*

Virginia Lee "Ginny" Simms Toney was born on Wheeling Island, Wheeling, WV Nov. 30, 1927 to Hubert Carlin Simms and Nancy Leane Carney Simms. The family was transferred often and they lived in many towns in WV, Fairmont, Bluefield, Beckley, Huntington, Charleston. Ginny went to West Virginia University in Morgantown where she met the love of her life, James William

Warren Toney, known as "Bill". Their favorite story was when Ginny got Bill on a five dollar bet. A sorority sister bet her \$5.00 she couldn't get a date with him. They lived in Parkersburg, WV then moved to the Chicago area followed by Richmond, VA, High Point and Charlotte, NC and later spent many years in Ridgewood, Northwest Bergen County, NJ. Ginny went into Real Estate and was always proud of being a member of the Million Dollar Sales, as she would say, "when houses sold for \$20,000 each". In 1981 Bill was transferred to Houston, TX and Ginny gave up Real Estate and followed her interest and hobby of genealogy. Ginny served on the Ad Hoc committee to start the Clayton Library Friends which then led to serving as President and other jobs with the CLF. She was a member of Lady Washington DAR, Col John Alston Chapter of the Colonial Dames of the 17th Century, James Asbury Tait Chapter of Daughters of the War of 1812 and many historical groups. Ginny was known for her jokes. Although she was mischievous as a young person and pulling pranks, she was most proud of the fact that she was also on the honor roll in school and a member of the National Honor Society. Ginny is preceded in death by her two children, James Carlin and Jane Ellen, and her beloved husband Bill, who passed in 1994. She is survived by her four children, Charles P. "Chuck" Toney, of Paris, TX, John S. Toney of Stephenville, VA, Sandra Zauner of Lubbock, TX, and Nancy Tanchek of Ewing, NJ., six grandchildren and three great grandchildren. *Virginia >>> Nancy Carney, Manda Barnett, Nancy Younken, Charles Younken, George Younkin, John Younkin, Johann Henrich Junghen.*

Betty Jane (Gary) Herchelroath, of North Huntingdon, passed away Dec. 18, 2014. She was born in Rockwood, Somerset County, to the late Silas D. and Alice B. (Younkin) Gary. She was the loving and devoted wife of 67 years to her soulmate, Howard B. Herchelroath, of North Huntingdon. Surviving her are children, Debra L. (Daniel) Helwig, of Enola, Denise Chulak, of Erie, and David G. (Lori), of Elizabethtown; grandchildren, Belinda Milone, Vincent A. Milone Jr., Holly Young and Bradley Herchelroath; nine great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter; her brother, Robert D. Gary, of Winter Park, Fla.; and nieces and nephews. Betty retired from PPG Industries, Pittsburgh, and served on the credit union board. Along with her husband, she taught Sunday School for many years and also led senior citizen bus trips. She loved books and reading, traveling and spending time with her family. Her generous heart, sweet smile and gentle, accepting nature will be greatly missed by all. A celebration of her life was held at the Shirley Funeral Home, North Huntingdon. Published in *Greensburg (PA) Tribune Review* on Dec. 19, 2014. *Betty >>> Alice Gary >>> Daniel Martin Younkin >>> Laura Miner >>> Catherine Younkin.*



Evelyn Vera Fisher, 103, of Beaver Falls, PA died Dec. 14, 2016, at Providence Care Center, Beaver Falls, PA. Born Aug. 29, 1913, in Kingwood, Pa., she was a daughter of the late Ross and Myrtle Guller Younkin. Evelyn lived in Beaver Falls most of her life, taking care of her family as a homemaker and mother. She worked as a waitress at the former Cut-Off Inn, Chippewa Township, and Johnny's Restaurant, Beaver Falls. Evelyn was a faithful member of the Steffen Hill Presbyterian Church, Beaver Falls, a member of the Wenonah Chapter #3124 Order of the Eastern Star, and the Century Club. In addition to her parents, Evelyn was preceded in death by her husband, Edward W. Fisher, on November 8,

1985, and brothers, Bud and Glenn Younkin. Evelyn will be sadly missed by her son, Paul McMillen, Gibsonia; her daughter-in-law, Wilma McMillen, Beaver Falls; three grandsons, Eugene (Debbie) McMillen, Darlington, Greg (Lisa) McMillen, Parker, Colo., and Brian (Lori) McMillen, Chippewa Twp.; eight great-grandchildren, Heather, Brandon, Ryan and Zach McMillen, Holley (John) Grodson, Shawn (Jodi) McMillen, Brittany Brown and Chad (Coral) McMillen, and eleven great-great-grandchildren, Luke, Maddalyn and Kylee Grodson, Collin, Ian, Keegan and Adalyn McMillen, and Kaylee, Jordan, Daulton and Layton Brown. Funeral services in the Noll Funeral Home, Beaver, conducted by Pastor Lon Hogue of the First Church of God. Private interment at Somerset Memorial Park, Somerset, Pa. *Evelyn >>> Jacob Ross Younkin >>> Wesley D. Younkin >>> Jacob C. Younkin >>> Frederick F. Younkin >>> Frederick G. Younkin.*



Eddie Joe Hutter—Much of Eddie Joe Hutter's life revolved around a quarter-mile of Route 130 in Unity, where he went from home to his auto repair shop and the Pleasant Unity Volunteer Fire Department next door. The mechanic who pressured his daughters to mind their own cars' maintenance and inspections would sputter around the neighborhood in a beater. "He always had the

worst cars, because he was only going a little way up and down the road," said Mr. Hutter's daughter, Lisa Phillips, 49, of Latrobe. A lifelong mechanic and volunteer firefighter, Edward J. "Red Ball" Hutter died Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2016, at Excelsa Health Latrobe Hospital of complications from an infection. He was 73. Mr. Hutter, the eldest of four children, grew up around the E.J. Hutter Garage, owned and operated by his father and grandfather. "He's been in that garage since he was born; he's never worked for anyone else," Ms. Phillips said. "There are stories of him moving cars around for my grandpap when he was 11 years old." He met Janet Shine on a New Year's Eve, when both were members of a wedding party — Mr. Hutter's best friend was marrying Ms. Shine's best friend. They courted slowly at first and began dating in earnest after Mr. Hutter's father died in 1964. They celebrated their 50th anniversary this year. The Hutter family lived with a police scanner chattering away in the house at all times so Mr. Hutter could be the first to respond to crashes with his tow truck or fires with the Pleasant Unity fire department, which he joined at 21 and served as trustee, captain and president over more than 50 years. Until he helped raise money to build a new station in 1985, the fire department was next door to the garage, and Mr. Hutter would answer calls while he worked. "Many days he left the doors open on the garage and cars up on the rack when there was a fire call," said Pleasant Unity fire Chief John Bacha. "If you were having gas pumped or work done and that siren went off, you had to wait." He stopped responding to fires about 15 years ago but remained active with the department through fundraising, repairing the fire trucks and calling bingo games, Mr. Bacha said. Though Mr. Hutter worked long hours, his daughters always were welcome to visit him at the garage down the road, where they watched him work on cars or played among the tires, Ms. Phillips said. When his four grandchildren were born, he was so happy to have children around again, she said. In addition to his wife, Janet, he is survived by two daughters, Lisa Phillips and husband, Randy, of Latrobe, and Amy Liberoni and husband, John, of Norvelt; and four grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the

Leo M. Bacha Funeral Home in Pleasant Unity. Published in the *Greensburg (PA) Tribune-Review*. *Edward Joe Hutter >>> Betty (Minerd) Hutter - Ralph Charles Minerd >>> Charles Marion Minerd >>> Eli Minerd >>> Catherine Younkin.*

Elwood Dwaine McClintock, 89, of Confluence, PA died Jan. 5, 2017 at Golden Living Center, Meyersdale. He was born Dec. 1, 1927 at Silbaugh, Addison Township, a son of Stephen and Lena (Tressler) McClintock. His parents and a brother, Adrian, preceded him in death. He is survived by his loving and caring wife of 66 years, Betty Jane (Gary), daughter, Kim Freeman and husband, Mark, Colorado Springs, Colorado and a son, Tim McClintock and girlfriend, Alesia Leeper (Dwaine's little girl), Confluence; brother, Altha, brother-in-law, Rev. Darwin (Tom) Hoover; sister-in-law, Betty Colflesh and nieces, nephews and cousins. Dwaine and his wife are faithful members of the Confluence Church of the Nazarene where they attended for many years. He was a veteran of World War II serving in the U.S. Army with the 101st Airborne Division and was an active member of Ursina American Legion Post 946 for 58 years. He was a proud and loving husband and father who will be greatly missed. Dwaine was very fond of his pastor, Rev. Ken Schweter, cousin, Rev. Sam McClintock, cousin, Warren McClintock, Clifford "Skinny" McClintock, uncle, Mahlon Tressler and close family friends, Earl Wilkins and Tom Romesburg. He was employed at numerous jobs throughout his lifetime. He worked for General Refractories Clay Mines, Westinghouse Air Brake, Rockwood Chicken Plant as a truck driver, many local coal mines, as a heavy equipment operator for the Western Maryland Railroad, PennDOT, Addison Township and as a school bus driver for Turkeyfoot Valley Area Schools and Somerset Vo-Tech. He enjoyed spending time with his beloved cat, Sam, working on and trading old vehicles, tinkering with his farm tractors and equipment, fly fishing, gardening and mowing grass. He enjoyed time spent with family and friends and many hours in the garage that he and his son built together. He loved to reminisce about his past experiences and share stories for hours with his family and friends. Dwaine and Betty owned and operated a second-hand store at their residence, McClintock's New and Used Merchandise, for many years; helping out others within the community by offering, milk, bread, penny candy, soda and discounted clothing, shoes and other household items for sale. At Dwaine's request there was no viewing or visitation. A memorial service was held in the Confluence Church of the Nazarene, 450 Sterner St., Confluence. All are welcome. *Elwood married Betty Jane Gary >>> Harry R. Pappy Gary >>> Minnie (Miner) Gary >>> Ephraim Minerd >>> Polly Younkin Minerd*

Eleanor W. Christner, 85, of Somerset, died Jan. 2, 2017, at The Patriot, after a long battle with Alzheimer's/dementia. She was born on April 29, 1931, to Howard Weary and Hilda Fox Weary, and was the last surviving member of her immediate family. She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Lois Ringer; and her husband, Vincent Ringer; granddaughter, Patricia L. Blair; sister-in-law, Avalon Keefer; brother-in-law, Chuck McLaughlin; and niece, Virginia Keefer. She is survived by her loving husband of 62 years, the Reverend Jay L. Christner; daughters: Debra (Art) DiLoreto, Somerset; Eileen (Mark) Blair, Masontown; and son, Jay (Patty) Christner Jr., Somerset. She is survived by 11 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. Also, she is survived by sister-in-law, Kay McLaughlin, of Corpus Christi, Texas, and several nieces and nephews. She was a graduate of Lebanon High School and graduated with honors from Penn State, Main Campus,

with a degree in Home Economics. She was part of the Famous 500, the first women to be admitted to Penn State's Main Campus following an era when women were sent to other Commonwealth campuses to make room for returning G.I.s during and after World War II. Eleanor was an accomplished pianist and was a member of the Rockwood Church of the Brethren, where she played the piano for over 30 years. She was an avid reader, enjoyed cooking for her family, sewing, knitting, playing bridge and caring for her grandchildren. Eleanor was extremely dedicated to her family and her faith and was a loving mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, great-grandmother and aunt. She will be missed by all who knew her. Special thanks to all of The Patriot staff and administration, who worked tirelessly to provide Eleanor with a loving and comfortable quality of life during her final days. There will be no viewing or visitation. A memorial service was held at the Rockwood Church of the Brethren, Rev. Mark R. Blair officiating.



Clema E. Smith, 95, of Confluence, passed away, Jan. 14, 2017 at The Patriot in Somerset. She was born May 26, 1921 in Confluence, a daughter of Dennis and Lulu (Heinbaugh) Romesburg. Her parents, husband, Harvey A. Smith, sons, Richard and Ronald, daughter-in-law, Carol, a brother and two sisters preceded her in death. She is survived by daughters, Betty Vogel and husband, John, Fort Hill and Debra Wagner and husband, Gregory, Salisbury and a son,

Clyde and wife, Donna, Confluence; grandchildren, Vickie Whaley and husband, Rodney, Confluence, Kerry Whitcomb and husband, Michael, Bedford, John Vogel Jr., Fort Hill, Ronald Smith and wife, Kristine, Bear Rocks, Penny Moose and husband, Derron, Irwin, Carla Lytle, Connellsville, Jason Smith, Confluence and Wes Wagner and wife, Linette, Confluence; great-grandchildren, Karlee Williams, Brody Whitcomb, Kyle Smith, Madeline Smith, Dennis Lytle and Sadie Marie Gynn and great-great-grandchildren, Gunner and Tuck Williams and Koen Smith. Clema was a member of the Confluence Church of the Nazarene. She was a former employee of Henry Clay Villa and a volunteer at the Confluence Senior Center. She was a wonderful mother, who enjoyed her family, the outdoors, took pride in her home, and loved music and dancing. Friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Humbert Funeral Home in Confluence, where a service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday with the Rev. Ken Schweter officiating. Interment will follow in Jersey Cemetery. *Clema E. Romesburg >>> Dennis Orville Romesburg >>> Harriet (Younkin) Romesburg >>> Eli Younkin >>> Laura (Miner) Younkin >>> Catherine Younkin.*



Rest in peace **Esther Marie (Younkin) Campbell** - >>> *William Harrison Younkin >>> John Scott Younkin >>> John X. Younkin >>> Jacob & John Younkin >>> Johannes Younkin a.k.a. John Michael Younkin*

Harry J. Koontz, 73, of Lexington, OH, formerly of Ursina, died Jan. 30, 2017 at OhioHealth Mansfield Hospital, Mansfield, OH.

He was born Sept. 4, 1943 in Somerset, a son of the late Harry C. and Madalyn (Geyer) Koontz. He is survived by his wife, Sandra

(Woods); son, Harry J. Koontz, Jr. and wife, Jackie, Clinton, Mississippi; daughter, Gretchen Bobst and husband, Scott, Mansfield; sisters, Louise J. Koontz and Nancy A. Koontz both of Ursina; He was a retired maintenance foreman for Smurfit-Stone in Mansfield, having worked there for 26 years. Funeral services held at the Humbert Funeral Home in Confluence with Rev. Dean Hay, Jr. officiating. Interment in Addison Cemetery. *Harry >>> Harry C. Koontz >>> James Franklin Koontz >>> Amanda Phillippi >>> Mary Ann "Polly" Younkin >>> John J. Younkin >>> Jacob Younkin Sr.*

Warren J. McClintock, 90, of Confluence, passed away Feb. 8, 2017, at Mount Macrina Manor, Uniontown. He was born Oct. 20, 1926 in Confluence, a son of Stewart and Mabel (Colflesh) McClintock. His parents, wife, Betty (Ream) in August 2016, and a brother Richard A. McClintock preceded him in death. He is survived by a daughter, Linda Pyle and husband Dave, Uniontown; grandson, David Allen Pyle, Jr. and wife, Lindsey, Kents Store, VA; granddaughter, Angela Slaughter and husband, Christopher, Uniontown; great grandchildren, Olivia and Owen Pyle and Zachary and Makenzie Slaughter; and a sister, Thelma Rush, Uniontown. Warren was a member of the United Methodist Church and attended both in Confluence and Addison. He retired from Keystone Lime Co. in Springs. Funeral services held at the Humbert Funeral Home in Confluence, with Rev. Samuel McClintock officiating. Interment in Addison Cemetery. The family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff at Mount Macrina Manor for loving care and support. *Warren >>> Mabel Colflesh >>> Sarah Jane Younkin >>> Rev. Herman Younkin >>> John J. Younkin >>> Jacob Younkin Sr.*

Dominec Joseph Costabile, 80, of Connellsville, PA passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family on Feb. 7, 2017. He was born Aug. 12, 1936 in Mt. Pleasant, the son of the late Joseph and Angeline (Caletti) Costabile. He was a member of St. Rita Roman Catholic Church, Connellsville. He served in the United States Air Force. He worked as an Independent Concessionaire for Costabile Concessions and he was a member of the Pennsylvania State Showmen's Association. He is survived by his loving wife, Joyanne L. (Farris) Costabile; son, John (Karla) Costabile; daughters, Delores Ferrer, Donna Martin and Taffie (Jacobe) Palmiter; daughter-in-law, Cindy Costabile; grandchildren, Sarah (Creighton) Yates, William Mark (Alicia) Costabile, Jr., Takisha Diggs, Jonathan Costabile, Chad (Andrea) Costabile, Dr. Chelcie (Nate) Costabile-Alleman, Malory Costabile, David Martin, Keenan Ferrer, Isaac Martin, Mountain Raley, Forrest Raley, Precious Raley, Canyon Raley, Leif Raley, and Jaden Palmiter; 10 great-grandchildren; sister, Delores Welc; nieces, Kim (George) Sirrianna and Debbie (Daryl) McLaughlin and several great nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Bambi Matthew; son, William Mark Costabile, Sr. and two grandsons, Anthony Matthew and Patrick Matthew. Following a viewing in the Paul G. Fink Funeral Home, Connellsville, a funeral Mass will follow at St. Rita Roman Catholic Church, Connellsville with Rev. Fr. Robert Lubic as Celebrant. Interment will follow at St. Rita Roman Catholic Cemetery, Connellsville with full military rites accorded by the American Legion Posts 762 and 301 and the VFW Post 21. *Dominec Joseph Costabile - husband of Joyanne L. Farris >>> Noah Minor >>> Enoch Miner Sr. >>> Henry A. Miner >>> John Miner >>> Catherine Younkin.*

Viola M. Colflesh Bowser, 84, of Ursina, passed away Feb. 15, 2017 in Somerset Hospital. She was born Sept. 8, 1932 in Confluence, a daughter of Joseph H. and Dessie (Austin) Hall. She was preceded in death by her parents, husbands, John F. Colflesh and Harvey Bowser; infant children, Brenda and John; son-in-law, Michael Hartman; sisters, Jean Hostetler, Ruby Lytle, Linda Metheney, Hazel Mae Hall, Esther Sanner and Virginia Williams and foster brother, Leonard Hall. She is survived by daughters, Barbara Harrold and husband, James, Rockwood, Deborah Frazee and husband, Dean, Fort Hill, Janice Wood and husband, Harry, Centerville, TX and Pamela Hartman, Confluence; nine grandchildren, J.B., Jonathan, Michael, Megan, Kara, Kristi, April, Amber and Michael and 13 great grandchildren. Viola was a member of the United Community Church of God and the Ursina American Legion Post 946 Ladies Auxiliary. Along with her husband, John, she operated the family farm and owned and operated Viola's Restaurant in Confluence for many years. The restaurant was famously known for Vi's Pies. She loved square dancing and cooking for her family. Funeral services held at the Humbert Funeral Home in Confluence, with Rev. Samuel McClintock officiating. Interment in Younkin Cemetery. *Viola married to John F. Colflesh >>> Milton Bruce Colflesh >>> Sarah Jane Younkin >>> Rev. Herman Younkin >>> John J. Younkin >>> Jacob Younkin Sr.*

Mahlon F. Tressler, 96, of Harnedsville, PA passed away Feb. 18, 2017 in Somerset Hospital. He was born Aug. 4, 1920 in Fort Hill, a son of Walter and Olive (Livengood) Tressler. His parents, wife of 72 years, Helen (Colflesh), brothers, Clayton, Paul, Raymond and A. Dwight and sisters, Lena McClintock, Lulu Holliday, Nelle Lint, Ruby Rush and Dorothea Hyatt preceded him in death. He is survived by daughters, Linda Holliday and husband, Bill and Diana Walker and husband, Wayne, all of Confluence; son, Walter, Louisville, KY; grandchildren, Kerry Clark and Kristie Clark-Stockwell and husband, Dan, all of Confluence; brother, Dale and wife, Delores, Two Harbors, MN; sisters-in-law, Edna Tressler, Confluence and Pearle Bittner, Grantsville, MD; numerous nieces and nephews and a special great nephew, Clayton Lee Tressler, Fort Hill. Mahlon was a self-employed carpenter and stone mason prior to retirement, and owned and operated a small country store. He was an avid hunter and gardener, known throughout the area for growing his prized large tomatoes. He enjoyed making small woodworking projects and giving them to friends and family. He served in the US Army during World War II, taking part in the D-Day invasion on Omaha Beach, the Battle of the Bulge and the Battle of St. Lo. He received 5 bronze stars among other decorations. He was the "Last Man Standing" of his unit, the 467th AAA battalion. Funeral services held at the Humbert Funeral Home in Confluence, with Rev. Samuel McClintock officiating. Interment in Silbaugh Cemetery.

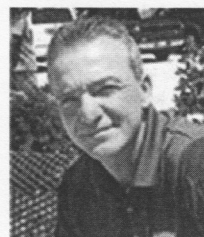


Donald M. Harrison, 90, of Monaca, PA passed away peacefully in his sleep on Feb. 20, 2017 from an illness he fought for over 2 years. Born Feb. 19, 1927 in Greene County, Cumberland Twp., PA, he was the son of William Howard and Lavina Pearl (Firestone) Harrison. Donald was preceded in death by his beloved wife of over 52 years, Dorothy Theresa (Meyers) Harrison on November 17, 2000. Donald is the last surviving member of his family and was preceded in death by three

brothers, William Jr. (Whitey) and Vernon, both of New Brighton and Robert Lee (surviving wife Joan) of Bennettsville, SC, and one sister, Norma Jean Holsinger of New Brighton. Surviving children are Edward Charles Harrison (and friend Sandy Cardamon) of Monaca and LaVerne Catherine (Bruce) Shearer of Beaver, PA. He had a special place in his heart for his Grandchildren Timothy B. (Shannon) Shearer of Beaver, PA and Bradley C. Shearer (Jamie Cavallaro) of Ellwood City, PA and Krista Harrison of Beaver Falls and Great Grandchildren Jacob Bruce, Emma Jane Shearer and Bailey Nicole Burgess, along with numerous nieces and nephews who he also loved. He was retired from Westinghouse Electric in Vanport, PA. He was loved by all who knew him for his gentle ways and good heart. He loved his grandchildren as if they were his own and adored his great grandchildren. He was a good friend and neighbor and would do anything for anybody in need. Serving in the Navy during World War II as a Signalman on board the U.S.S. Dale, he often liked to tell the story of being in a Typhoon and seeing other ships sinking that were in their convoy. He loved fishing and in later years golfing. Mostly he just loved the simple life and visiting his friends and family, of which he had many. We would like to give special thanks to the Hospice nurses and attendants who did a wonderful job taking care of Dad. Also special thanks to Dawn Giovannelli for her continued help and support. Dad had many good friends and family who were always there for him and provided assistance including Charlie and Judy Carpenter, Joan Harrison, Linda Luketic and Jack and Sis Howe. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him. There will be no visitation or funeral services, per Donald's last wishes.

Jason Lester "Jake" Enos, 39, of Confluence, passed away April 4, 2017 at his home. He was born April 2, 1978 in Somerset, a son of Linda (Wilt) Andreuzzi, of Markleton and the late Marshall Randy Enos. He is survived by his mother, maternal grandmother, June Rugg, Confluence, sister, Kristy Enos Lytle, New Stanton, niece, Kayla Marie Lytle, Confluence, nephew, Kameron Bryce, New Stanton and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Jake was a member of Carpenter's Union Local 441, Turkeyfoot Fish and Game Assoc. and the NRA. Funeral service at the Humbert Funeral Home Rev. James Monticue officiating. Interment in Jersey Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to the family would be appreciated. Rest in peace *Jason >>> Marshall Randy Enos >>> Lester J. Enos >>> Jonathan Enos >>> Martha Jane (Phillippi) Enos >>> Mary Ann Polly (Younkin) Phillippi >>> John J. Younkin >>> Jacob Younkin Sr.*

Clarence Marshall Younkin III - born 1944 in Connellsville, PA, son of Clarence M. Younkin II. Died April 14, 2017.



Daniel Joseph (D.J.) Younkin age 41 passed away Feb. 2, 2011 in Kissimmee Fla. He was born March 31, 1969 in W.Va He was preceded in death by his grandmother: Helen C. Younkin and grandfather: M. Keith Younkin. He is Survived by: father James G. Younkin of Florida, mother Rebecca Gallaunt of Alabama, brothers: James G. Younkin Jr. Xenia, Oh, John W. Ramsey of Lorain, sisters: Victoria L.

Younkin of Amherst, Dana M. Ramsey, of Sandusky, many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews. He is also survived by his second family: Lee, Faith and Tori Hawkins of Kissimmee Fla. He Was The Director of Facilities Management at Avante Group In St Cloud, Fla.

and was a certified Plumber for over 12 years. D.J. graduated from Lorain Admiral King High School in 1987, where he excelled in soccer, bowling and was a drummer in marching band. D.J. achieved his PBA card, and bowled several 300 games. He Enjoyed Baseball and Nascar and loved to golf every weekend. He also liked deep sea fishing, and outdoors. He was someone who was never afraid to say "I Love You" And put a smile on many faces. He was the life of a party. He Touched The Heart of All who knew him. Services held at Broadway Assembly, Lorain, with Rev. Matthew Jones officiating. Published in *The Morning Journal* on Feb. 13, 2011



James G. Younkin of Lakeland, FL, died on March 25, 2015 at the age of 66. He was born and raised in Lorain, where he attended Clearview and Admiral King High schools. He was an employee of American Crucible until retiring in 1980, after which he became self-employed. James was an avid golfer, bowler, softball player and fisher man throughout his life. He is survived by his children: James Jr., and Victoria Younkin, four grandchildren:

Marcus, Julissa, Antonio and Steven, all of Lorain, brothers: Earl and Jesse Younkin, John and Toby Pritchett, sisters: Dene Siejak (Wylie), Paula Puckett (Jim), Sandra Rodriguez (Frank), Kelly May (Matt) and Judy Younkin. Also, his companion, Linda Middendorf of Florida. James was preceded in death by his parents, Keith and Helen Younkin and his son Daniel Joseph Younkin. Cremation took place in Florida. A memorial service will be held at Broadway Assembly Church, pastor Matt Jones officiating. Published in *The Morning Journal* on Apr. 9, 2015

Jackie Edwin Hoover, mostly known as Jack, passed away April 21, 2017 at the age of 67. Jack was born in Confluence on Jan. 28, 1950 to his wonderful caring, and loving parents Marshall and Pauline Hoover and was raised in Pennsylvania. Jack received his college degree in West Virginia. "Big Red" met Linda Blanchette in Washington DC and they married in 1974. Their three sons, Jason, Joe, and Brad arrived in 1976, 1980, and 1983, respectively. Jack served in education and in construction. He partnered with McDonalds Corporation in 1988 and received countless awards to include Rookie of the Year, Project Manager of the Year, and numerous others. He retired, still "loving it" after 28 years with McDonalds in 2015. Jack is survived by his loving wife, Linda; his caring and loving sons and their wives, Jason, Joe, and Brad; wonderful siblings and their spouses, Jim, Roger, Leanna, Peg, Delores, Harold, Kay, and Tom; as well as all their beautiful children and their children's children. He was preceded in death by his father Marshall, step-father Frank, mother Pauline, sister Mabel, and sister Rita. Klein Funeral Home, Magnolia, TX 77354.

Marjorie Irene Hartzell DeBlasio left this Earth April 25, 2017, to spend eternity with her Lord and her beloved husband, Sam, after 66 years of marriage. Mr. and Mrs. DeBlasio moved to Cecil Township in 1941 and resided at the same home until her death, where she raised her family and was surrounded by them as she departed. She was born July 15, 1924, in Washington, a daughter of the late Harley and Virginia Rockwell Hartzell. Surviving are son Samuel (Sherry) DeBlasio and daughter Sharon Stankas, both of Houston, Texas, and daughter Jennifer (Randy) Conway of Cecil Township; six

grandchildren, Tony and Nick DeBlasio, Denise Accord, Randy and David Conway and Samantha Rice; seven great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Dorothy Harshman and Jan (Tom) Gorden, both of Weyers Cave, Va. Deceased are a daughter, Virginia DeBlasio; sister Beverly Palarino; and two brothers, Jack "Harley" and Bob Hartzell. This butterfly emerged from her cocoon and spread seeds of peace. Dementia took her mind, but left her grace, compassion, gentleness and ability to see beauty intact. Her favorite word was "lovely" and that, she was. She had an immense force known as "kindness." Her friends nicknamed her "The Queen." The people that created Heaven on Earth for her were her family, whom adored her; her caretakers from Caring Mission, Jessie and Marta; Concordia Hospice of Washington; McMurray Meals on Wheels; and her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren, from whom she felt immense love. She loved unconditionally, rested in God, and put her and her family's lives in his hands. Arrangements by Coleman-Taylor Funeral Service, Cecil, with funeral services held at Venice Presbyterian Church. Interment at Forest Lawn Gardens, McMurray.

YOUNKIN HISTORY ONLINE

The exhaustive research of the late Donna (Younkin) Logan and many other cousin-researchers now deceased is being expanded with stories and photographs and posted on the Internet in the form of biographies, feature stories and summaries of 1930s reunions on the award-winning MinerD.com website, hosted by double Younkin Mark A. Miner. Visit this link: www.minerd.com/younkin_pages.htm. Be sure to visit our private Facebook page at this link: www.facebook.com/groups/166074143466172/

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